

**OPINION 2173 (Case 3299)*****Staphylinus punctulatus* Paykull, 1789 (currently *Gyrohypnus punctulatus*; Insecta, Coleoptera, STAPHYLINIDAE): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name of *Staphylinus punctulatus* Paykull, 1789 is conserved. The name is a junior primary homonym of *Staphylinus punctulatus* Goeze, 1777 (currently *Othius punctulatus*), but the specific names have not been considered as congeneric since 1830.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; STAPHYLINIDAE; *Gyrohypnus punctulatus*; rove beetles; Palaearctic.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the specific name *punctulatus* Paykull, 1789, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus punctulatus*, is not invalid by reason of being a junior primary homonym of *punctulatus* Goeze, 1777, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus punctulatus*.
- (2) The name *punctulatus* Paykull, 1789, as published in the binomen *Staphylinus punctulatus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3299**

An application to conserve the specific name of *Staphylinus punctulatus* Paykull, 1789 was received from Volker Assing (*Gabelsbergerstr. 2, D-30163 Hannover, Germany*) on 24 August 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 63: 33–35 (March 2006). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 63: 34. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 28: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bock, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Macpherson, Mahnert, Mawatari, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Pyle, Rosenberg, Song, Štys, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative votes – none.

**Original reference**

The following is the original reference to the name placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*punctulatus*, *Staphylinus*, Paykull, 1789, *Monographia Staphylinorum Sueciae*, p. 30.